

**Public Participation Network News**

**A warm welcome is extended to all our new members from around Meath. We have now over 470 voluntary led organisations within the Network. We are hoping that the membership will continue to grow and look forward to welcoming new members.**

**Information on Grant Schemes available:**

* **Check out our Funding Digest on the link below**

[Fundingpoint Local Access - Meath County Council Apr - May 2017](http://www.meathppn.ie/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/Fundingpoint-Local-Access-Meath-County-Council-Apr-May-2017.pdf)

**Check out the local grant schemes that may be of interest to you:**

* **Community Facilities Grant Scheme**

[CFS application guidelines1 2017](http://www.meathppn.ie/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/CFS-application-guidelines1-2017.docx)

[CFS application form1 2017](http://www.meathppn.ie/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/CFS-application-form1-2017.docx)

* **Meath County Council Heritage Grant Scheme**

[Community Heritage Grant Scheme Form 2017 Guidelines](http://www.meathppn.ie/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/Community-Heritage-Grant-Scheme-Form-2017-Guidelines.pdf)

[Community Heritage Grant Scheme Form 2017 Application Form Final (2)](http://www.meathppn.ie/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/Community-Heritage-Grant-Scheme-Form-2017-Application-Form-Final-2.docx)

* **Funding for National Bike Week Events**

[Application form and Criteria 2017](http://www.meathsports.ie/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/Application-form-and-Criteria-2017.docx)

**Dates for your diary:**

**The PPN Municipal District meetings are being held around the county over the next two weeks.**

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| *District* | *Venue* | *Date/Time* |
| *Ashbourne* | *Tara Room, Pillo Hotel, Ashbourne* | *Wednesday 5th April at 7pm* |
| *Trim* | *Kiltale Football, Hurling, Camogie Club* | *Monday 10th April at 8pm* |
| *Kells* | *Kells Resource Centre, Old Carrick School, Lord Edward St. Kells* | *Monday 10th April at 8pm* |
| *Ratoath* | *Ratoath Community Centre, Ratoath* | *Tuesday 11th April at 8pm* |
| *Navan* | *Claremont Stadium, Navan* | *Wednesday 12th April at 8pm* |
| *Laytown/Bettystown* | *Parish Room, St. Cianan’s Church*  *Duleek* | *Wednesday 12th April at 8pm* |

**The meetings will be an opportunity to:**

* share information on your group
* meet other groups in your area
* discuss opportunities to share resources with other groups
* get an update on the Public Participation Network activities
* raise issues that the Public Participation Network should focus on
* get information on becoming more involved in the decision making process within Meath

**Plenary Meeting**

**The plenary meeting will take place on Wednesday 24th May in the Knightsbrook Hotel, Trim, with registration from 7pm and start time 7.30pm. The plenary is a meeting of all the PPN registered groups and it is also the decision making body for the PPN. The plenary meets twice a year so make sure your group is represented.**

**Update on:**

**Waste Survey – Over 200 groups around Meath responded to the survey. A presentation on the findings will be given at the plenary.**

**Defibrillators – Criteria for application will be circulated to members before the plenary and application forms will be available on the night for groups.**

**Information item on the PPN:**

The Public Participation Network was set up in 2014 to be the main point of contact between the local authority and the community and environmental voluntary led groups around the country. Each local authority has a PPN and groups are requested to register to become part of the PPN.

**Roles of the PPN**

* **Information sharing** – Regular updates are sent to members on grants, public consultations etc. Members are also invited to share information through our website [www.meathppn.ie](http://www.meathppn.ie) on events that their group are having.
* **Representation** – There are currently PPN representatives on a number of committees in Meath to include the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC), 4 Strategic Policy Committees (SPC), Joint Policing Committee (JPC), Leader Independent Evaluation Committee and the Board of Meath Partnership. For more information check out our website [www.meathppn.ie](http://www.meathppn.ie)
* **Capacity building** – Training and networking opportunities for members.